

Our Vision
Transforming children's lives

Our Mission
To help children flourish through
therapy and family support

Accessing our services

Families can contact us directly to access most of our therapy services. A referral from a doctor or other allied health professional is not required for our private services, but families need to meet eligibility requirements to access government funded programs.

Cost of services

The cost of service depends on the funding source, length and type of service required. Some therapy services can be partially claimed through Medicare if a referral for a GP / Team Care Arrangements Plan is made by a GP. Private health rebates may also apply. As a charitable organisation, the cost of Kids Are Kids! services are subsidised to be affordable for all families.

Payments and cancellations

Payment is required at the time of the service. Payment for assessments is required at the first assessment appointment. The assessment report will be released once full payment has been made. We require 24 hours notice for cancellation or rescheduling of appointments otherwise a 50% fee may apply.

Enquiries and appointments

We understand that the health system can be complex and we support families to understand which programs and services you may be eligible to receive. For further details about any of our programs or to discuss your child's difficulties and needs please contact us.

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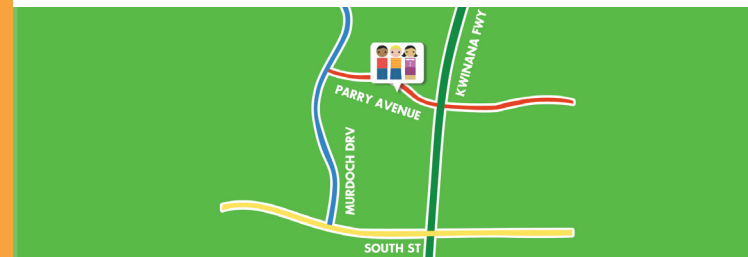
The Kids Are Kids! team is passionate about helping children and families.

Our dedicated team of qualified therapy professionals provide specialist therapy services including:



Speech Pathology
Occupational Therapy
Physiotherapy
Clinical Psychology
Parent Workshops & Support

Kids Are Kids! is registered to provide supports for National Disability Insurance Scheme participants



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Autism Diagnostic Assessment Program

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The Autism Diagnostic Assessment Program

Kids Are Kids! provide an Autism Assessment and Diagnosis service for children. An Autism Diagnostic Assessment is a panel assessment involving a Paediatrician, Psychologist and Speech Pathologist.

The Autism Diagnostic Assessment is a holistic assessment involving completion of standardised assessment tools (including the ADOS-2 and ADI-R) together with a general language assessment if required, observation of the child at home and where possible at school/childcare. Following the assessment, the Speech Pathologist and Psychologist consult to score the assessment tools and compile a detailed written report addressing the DSM-V criteria for Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Very commonly, a child will be referred for an Autism Assessment by their teacher or carer due to indicators that they are displaying signs of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Symptoms can be so mild that you may not identify them in your own home. This can be a confusing time for a family, who may be coming to terms with their child possibly having a disability, as well as developing an understanding of Autism, the symptoms their child is presenting with and the options for therapy and support. Kids Are Kids! services can assist from assessment to diagnosis and therapy.

Autism diagnosis: the first steps

Early intervention in any childhood diagnosis is so important. Early diagnosis following assessment will enable your child to begin receiving therapy and your family can rest assured that you have the support and guidance to help you through the challenging times that may lie ahead.

As soon as your child receives a formal diagnosis Kids Are Kids! can help you access financial assistance including State Government Funding, Schools Plus Funding and Helping Children With Autism Funding. In the meantime,

our therapists will work together to ensure your child has a structured goals and actions plan; and therapy can commence immediately.

If your child has a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, you will be allocated an Autism Advisor who can help to provide you with information on further resources and services available to your family.

Children eligible for the Assessment

A referral from a Paediatrician is preferred but not essential if you are seeking our services privately. At the end of assessment your child's specialist will confirm the final diagnosis. If you access the assessment through government services, a referral from a Paediatrician will be essential.

Families can choose to receive and pay for the assessment privately, to avoid excessive waiting periods associated with the government system, and enable your child to be diagnosed sooner and therefore receive therapy and intervention sooner.

Key indicators for Autism Spectrum Disorder

Social interaction can be difficult for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Many children on the Autism Spectrum may prefer to live in their own world, and may not be motivated by interactions with others.



Family Centred Approach

We are a family-centred practice, meaning that families are an integral part of the intervention team, and work with therapists to develop their child's skills together. This approach recognises the expertise of the family who knows their child's needs the best. The family and therapy team work together to set goals based on the family's objectives.

Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder may show differences in learning and behavioural skills than typically developing children. If a child is presenting with behaviours such as those outlined below, an Autism Assessment may be recommended:

- The child may appear disinterested or unaware of other people or what's going on around them
- The child may have difficulty knowing how to connect with others, play, or make friends
- The child may prefer not to be touched, held, or cuddled. The child may have difficulty playing 'pretend' games, engaging in group games, imitating others, or using toys in creative ways. The child may have trouble understanding or talking about feelings
- The child may not seem to hear when others talk to them
- The child may not share interests or achievements with others e.g. drawings, toys

Our experienced therapists can provide you with more information on speech, language and communication as well as social skills and behaviours associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Medicare Rebates

Medicare items are available for assessment and diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders through the Helping Children With Autism Program. A Paediatrician or Psychiatrist can refer for an allied health assessment.

Children registered under the Helping Children With Autism Program are also eligible for Medicare rebates for up to 20 relevant allied health services in total for each eligible child up to the age of 15, provided the treatment and management plan is in place before the age of 13.

To access the Helping Children With Autism Program, families will need to register their child for the Helping Children With Autism early intervention funding with Carers Australia. We can assist you with this process.